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George H. Tschuck, Secretary of The Bee Publishing Company, does solemnly swear that the actual average daily circulation of The Daily Bee for the month of June, 1891, was 20,211 copies...

WOMAN SUFFRAGE: Another party of Arctic explorers will start today to locate the elusive north pole and in all probability another notable failure will be recorded in the course of two years.

ONE by one the props of the great trusts are knocked from under them. The United States circuit court of Tennessee has sustained the Tennessee law prohibiting trusts.

FROM the documents presented to the Canadian parliament it is plain that a good deal of progress has already been made toward reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

PREMONT, having observed the suggestions of THE BEE in regard to the subject, has taken Omaha and time by the forelock. A company has been formed to erect a cereal mill.

SO LONG as his 2 per cent bonds will sell at a premium Uncle Sam may be regarded as solvent, the democratic party in power in the lower house of congress to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE editor who thinks editorial opinions have less effect upon readers than the slug-heads is reasoning from the particular to the general. He takes personal experience to be universal knowledge.

THE Wayne county wife murderer reverses the usual order. Instead of waiting for the deathbed to wring from him a confession, the chances are the confession will wring his neck and deprive him of a death bed.

THE ubiquitous walking delegate and the calamity wailer who with alarm the frequent rains which are blessing the land, promising good crops and good prices. With these their occupation is gone. This is why another national convention is already proposed.

IN SPITE of a considerable opposition Dr. Phillips Brooks triumphs and secures the approval of a majority of the dioceses of the country for his appointment as bishop of Massachusetts. The Nebraska diocese voted for the gifted divine and the secular world everywhere rejoices at his victory.

A GREAT many people in this country will read with satisfaction that searching inquiries into the management of his office exonerates Commissioner of Penitentiaries Raun from all blame in connection with disreputable practices for which the commissioner's son and others were summarily discharged.

JUST why Omaha has done nothing to secure the establishment here of a best sugar factory is not known. When Grand Island and Norfolk secure these institutions with slight effort and several other small cities in the state are already working for factories, it ought not to be difficult for this city to secure one.

THE BEE today holds up to the public mirror some of the attractions of the great west. The aim of this paper is to tell the world all about the wonderful resources and rapid development of the vast region west of us. Articles now in preparation for THE BEE will be sought with avidity by every man interested or who may be interested in western affairs.

TWO MEN EXECUTED.

The Fremont murderers expiated their joint crime of murder by an infamous death upon the gallows. The punishment provided by the law was duly inflicted. It was terrible as death is always terrible. The sentence and its execution were just. In the last moments of life the doomed men again admitted their crime and relieved all others of the shadow of suspicion by acknowledging their entire responsibility. The law is vindicated; the example afforded by their awful fate should exert a restraining influence upon the viciously inclined. It does. Men who will brave any other punishment turn with horror from the ignominy of the scaffold. No other expiation of the heinous crime of deliberate homicide satisfies the human sense of justice.

A life for a life is the language of holy writ. Few communities have ever existed in which capital punishment was absolutely abolished. A few states of this union have abandoned it, but not so much on account of the sentiment that the execution of a human being by act of law is revolting and unnecessary as to make the punishment of the criminal more certain. It is admitted that juries hesitate to condemn an accused man to death when there appears the most remote doubt either of his sanity or guilt. It is held that many crimes go entirely unpunished because of the severity of the penalty. In other states the degree of the crime is left to the jury, and in case of doubt as to the guilt of the accused when charged with malicious murder the degree may be reduced and the penalty will be inflicted accordingly. It is so in Nebraska and, therefore, it is generally found that a verdict of guilt of a capital crime is usually sustained by overwhelming evidence.

The execution at Fremont was in marked contrast with the sickening event at Broken Bow two weeks ago. The officers, warned by that terrible affair, were especially cautious and all the instruments of death performed their functions as expected. The unhappy human beings were hurled into eternity with as little pain as possible. The citizens of Dodge county made no such conspicuous exhibition of morbid curiosity or savage ferocity as disgraced those who assembled in Custer county. The event was deplorable, but it was managed with proper attention to its terrible details. The evil of a public exhibition and the horror of a bungling execution were avoided. The officers performed their awful duty efficiently and faithfully.

ENFORCING THE LAW.

The order of the treasury department for the return to Europe of two immigrants who came to this country last January and have since become paupers, is an indication of the purpose of the administration to rigidly enforce the immigration law. The treasury department has recently received numerous complaints of the lax way in which the law has been administered at several points, and it has been determined to institute a reform at once. The government will have no divided responsibility in this matter, but will take full charge of the supervision of immigration. The law, while providing for a superintendent of immigration, made no provision for the payment of his salary, but it has been decided that this can be done from the head-money fund, so that it is expected a superintendent will be appointed as soon as the treasury department is ready to promulgate the instructions to supervisors of immigration now being prepared. It is understood to be the intention to hold steamship companies strictly to the law, and there can be no more effective way than this for keeping the objectionable classes out of the country. It is said that some of the companies, finding that the government means business, have given assurance of co-operation, stating that their agents on the other side are to be put under bonds and held to a strict accountability for the immigrants they ship. Doubtless all of them will soon see the wisdom of pursuing this course, and if this is done the duties of the immigration supervisors will be comparatively simple. Everybody desires that the law shall be fully and faithfully enforced. It is reasonable in its provisions, and if carried out will afford all the protection that is necessary while leaving the way open for worthy and desirable immigrants. Hostility to immigration may be expected to continue. Being rooted in selfishness it will be as permanent as that quality. But a faithful enforcement of the law will deprive it of much of the justification it has heretofore had.

THE POST-MORTEM PERQUISITE.

Commissioner Timine is on the right track. His protest against the exorbitant charges for unnecessary post-mortem examinations opens the way to a thorough disinfection of the coroner's office. The abuses which have grown up under that combine between the coroner, a physician and an undertaker smell very strongly of corruption and necessarily incident to the calling of any one of the trio. If the county commissioners will act upon the suggestion of Mr. Timine, and investigate the coroner they will discover that this officer is losing no money, that his medical associate neglects none of his personal practice and that the undertaker is quite contented with the situation. The statute under which the coroner should act provides that inquests shall be held only upon the bodies of such persons as are supposed to have died by unlawful means. The present coroner apparently assumes that every person who died suddenly from disease or by accident is legitimately his prey and he usually directs a post-mortem examination, with the incidental benefits to the doctor and undertakers. The purpose is clearly a mercenary one in many instances. In a large number of the cases brought to the coroner's attention inquests are unnecessary. The coroner without a jury could determine the cause of death, and the circumstances would satisfy him that no unlawful means contributed to it. But under the law the coroner receives a fee of \$10 for viewing a dead body, 50 cents for summoning and qualifying an

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